

**InstaFam**  
**“What to Do When Your Child Rebels”**  
**Luke 15:11-24**  
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**1. Remember rebellion is in the heart of everyone.**

<sup>11</sup> There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, “Father, give me my share of the estate.” Luke 15:11-12a

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” Romans 3:10-12

**2. Be willing to release your child.**

<sup>12</sup> . . . So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:12b-13

**3 COMMON INGREDIENTS OF WAYWARD CHILDREN**

- THEY BECOME INCREASINGLY SELF-CENTERED.
- THEY THINK THEY KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS.
- THEY DEMAND IMMEDIATE GRATIFICATION.

**3. Consistently pray for your child.**

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way. . . . Colossians 1:9-10a

**HOW DO WE PRAY FOR OUR WAYWARD CHILDREN?**

- **PRAY THEY RUN OUT OF resources**

<sup>13</sup> Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:13

- **PRAY THEY SEE THEIR need**

<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. Luke 15:14

- **PRAY THEY RUN OUT OF options**

<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. Luke 15:15-16

- **PRAY THEY COME TO THEIR SENSES OR GET CAUGHT IF GUILTY.**

<sup>17</sup> When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!’

Luke 15:17

<sup>9</sup> The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9

**4. Wait patiently for your child to reset**

<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.” <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.... Luke 15:18-20a

**5. Be prepared to extravagantly celebrate true repentance.**

<sup>20</sup> . . . But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him.’ Luke 15:20b-22

<sup>18</sup> ...the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion.... Isaiah 30:18 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God.... Isa. 30:18 (NLT)